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## THE FIRST YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Held at South Paris Baptist Church on Saturday, March 15. Marked Enthusiasm.

The Baptist Church at South Paris was well prepared and beautifully decorated for the First Young People's Conference ever held in the State. The day was fair. By ten o'clock nearly one hundred delegates had registered. The badge committee with good taste and sound judgment had prepared attractive blue and white badges for every one.

Rev. E. H. Brewster and Miss Ruth A. Carter were the chief speakers. They were efficient leaders for the entire day.

The general chairman, Rev. C. B. Oliver, opened the conference by introducing the chairmen of all the committees, the speakers and the orchestra—the Herrick family and Miss Madeline Brinck from Bethel. Miss Ruth A. Carter then introduced the official young people's applause, which all soon learned by doing. Election of officers followed. A conservation committee was appointed. At eleven o'clock came the simultaneous session when the boys went to one room and the girls to another. splendid speeches were presented by the young people of both of these groups.

Mr. Brewster spoke at length to the boys and Miss Carter to the girls. The subject was, "Fourfold Growth." 1. Physical; 2. Intellectual; 3. Social; 4. Religious.

Mr. Brewster said:

The person who does not develop properly in the above mentioned ways becomes lopsided and is like a deformed tree or person who is a freak of nature. There are 1600 lakes in Maine. Everybody should know how to swim. A strong body is necessary. Health is beauty. Smoking and coffee drinking although very common now will gradually give way before a great desire for health—physical power.

Mental—Mr. Brewster spoke of the place of books in the world; the need to know; the power which comes into the life through art and good literature and music.

Social—He said it is great to be able to help other folks have a good time. Jesus did. Racial prejudices are wrong. It is a man's job to help others to happiness. Then regarding the religious side of a man's life Mr. Brewster said:

"Too many men develop three sides of their lives and overlook the fourth—the religious. The greatest men in the world have been and are men of prayer." "The morning watch" is worth while. The biggest men in the world have been constant in church attendance. The Church of Jesus Christ is standing and always has stood for the best things and is today fighting the real enemies of civilization. Every one should observe communion—the day set apart like Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and Armistice Day—to remember.

While Mr. Brewster was speaking to the young men Miss Ruth Carter took the girl's picture by asking such questions as would permit each girl to see exactly the condition of her own personal life as it was related to the social, intellectual, physical and religious standard.

The Conference picture was taken at 12:15. Lunch hour was 12:30.

The afternoon was used to explain the value of organized classes. Then all came together to listen to Miss Carter's remarks on Young People's Departments. At 4:30 the Bethel boys challenged the South Paris boys to a game of basketball in the High School gym.

Mr. Carl Fuller, Principal of the school, said: "I think this Young People's Conference is the best possible event with young people I have ever seen."

The big banquet began at 6:30. The South Paris people knew what young people like to eat. Who ever saw so much cream pie? During the banquet the Herrick orchestra played. Later everyone sang "Old MacDonald had a farm, Etc., Etc., Etc."

Reports, prizes, thanks were given and when the final banquet song was finished.

"Friendship is what we're striving for. We should raise this standard ever more."

Work and play and study, too, All will make us better leaders! Play awhile in God's great out of doors. Study in His own great Book of Life. Then pray that we may be sure true. Till we meet again."

All marched upstairs to worship with out speaking a word. Worship was carried out and the evening program carried on.

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## SIDNEY IRVING FRENCH

In the passing of Sidney Irving French, Bethel has lost one of its most loyal and energetic citizens. Mr. French had been confined to his home for only a week. At the Thurston mill site he contracted a cold, but had been able to be out until Sunday, Mar. 8, when he was confined to his bed. He seemed to be getting better until Friday morning when the heart that had been strong, weakened, and he slowly sank until the end came at about eleven o'clock Sunday morning.

Mr. French was born in Albany, N.Y., on June 22, 1852, the son of the late James and Sarah French. He was united in marriage with Anna B. Twitchell, daughter of the late Dr. Almon and Phoebe M. Twitchell in 1876, and to this union three children were born: Cornelia B., who died in young womanhood, George H., who is married and resides in Turner, Me., and Alice P., who resides at home. Mr. French has spent the greater part of his life in Bethel, and had many friends who will miss him.

When a young man he became affiliated with Mr. Abram Lodge, No. 31, L. O. P., and he has always been a faithful and loyal member, rarely missing a meeting. He was deeply interested in the work of the organization, and was always willing and ready to take part in any of its work. He has been one of the trustees for number of years, and has also served the lodge as secretary and treasurer, was a Past Noble Grand, and also served this district as District Deputy, and at the present time was chaplain of the lodge. He was also a member of Mollyocket Encampment of West Paris. He was a charter member of Sunset Rebekah Lodge, No. 61. He was also a charter member of the Hook and Ladder Company and had been its secretary since the organization of the company about thirty years ago. He was also a member of the Universalist Comrades, and was interested in the welfare of the Universalist Church.

He was a master carpenter and builder, and one of the last of the men who served the old-time apprenticeship. As he decided not to enter business for himself as a contractor, he continued to work with the late Gilbert Tuell and for many years took great pleasure in his associations and work with him.

Especially during the last few years his books, papers and magazines were a great joy to him. He was much interested in politics and took great interest in all public questions, while any thing pertaining to out-of-door life fascinated him.

One of the most marked characteristics of his life was his deep and abiding love for the great out of doors. He cared little for public gatherings but instead he was constantly seeking the solace which Mother Nature offers to her children and up to within a few months of his death he was roaming over his beloved hills and valleys at every opportunity, either with rod or gun, or more often in search of wild flowers or berries or just for sheer love of Nature's myriad beauties. Who shall say that the rock bound hills unto which the rest of us look for strength, the lakes and rivers, the whispering sentinels of the forest, the birds and wild creatures, will not miss their friend of many years?

He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter, one brother, Josiah French of Greece, Me., and four grandchildren, Harold, Frances, Robert and Dorothy French, and several nieces.

The funeral was held at the Universalist Church on Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock. Rev. Frank E. Bates of Rockport, Mass., a former pastor and intimate friend, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. W. Wolfe. The Old Fellow and Rebekahs attended in a body, the Old Fellow performing their impressive services.

Interment was at Woodlawn cemetery.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors for their kind words shown us in our late bereavement, also to those who sent flowers, and to Mr. Hayes for his comforting sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cushing  
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hayes  
Mrs. Morris Sanders  
Mr. William Hayes  
Donald Cushing  
Eugene Cushing  
Harvey Farwell  
Lucy Cushing

Mrs. Ida Douglass, who has had an absence during the winter with Mr. F. L. Edwards, went to Norway, Sunday, where she will enter the Fashion Shop of Miss Blackwell to do missionary work.

## THE J. E. JONES LETTER

### WHISPERING TONGUES

If "whispering tongues can poison truth" then a lot of characters must be sacrificed while a few rascals will be made to feel the vengeance of an outraged people.

"The Senate should stop investigating and get down to business," shouted a Bishop, making "the babbling gossip of the air cry out," thus proving that religion and politics, like water and oil, do not always mix even with the help of radio.

Other politicians playing bitter politics have turned attention away from the fact that the Senate investigation has been a search for rogues and grafters. Two eminent lawyers, former Senator Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, are in charge of the prosecutions that will be pushed, and such end-leads as remain in Washington will hope for better procedure through the courts than is possible in an organized political body like the Senate.

The average American citizen favors exposure and punishment of grafters, whether in high or low estate; and the same citizens deplore the spreading of "whispering gossip," no matter whether the whisperer be a Vandeleer peeking beneath the shroud of Mr. Harding, or scandal-mongers besieging the private life of Woodrow Wilson, or irritating Theodore Roosevelt to the point where he was compelled to go to court to prove that he was not a near-drunkard.

A Washington newspaper writer observes: "Any seeker after notoriety, any moron, can climb a soap box and curse." But honest men in public life are demanding that guilty men be punished.

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## BETHEL AND VICINITY

### Mr. Harry Sawin

Mr. Harry Sawin was in Lewiston, Wednesday.

Mr. Arthur Herrick was in Rumford, Tuesday, with his snowboat.

Herrick Bros. Co. unloaded another carload of Fords last Thursday.

Mrs. L. J. Littlehale is confined to her home on Vernon Street by the grip.

Hon. H. H. Hastings and E. C. Park, Esq., were in South Paris, Tuesday, to attend Probate Court.

Mrs. D. Graver Brooks and son, Ossie, were week end guests of her father and sister at Berwick, Me.

Members of Stratford Commandery in town enjoyed a banquet and dance at Grange Hall, Friday evening.

Miss Maud Russell of Hanover was a guest Monday of her aunts, Mrs. Anna Bean and Miss Kate Howe.

Harry Churchill's nephew, who has been staying with him for some time, returned to his home in Mechanic Falls last week.

Miss Mildred Bossman was called to Waban, Mass., the first of the week, by the death of her aunt, Mrs. L. H. Votom.

Miss Hattie Blake, who has been a guest in the Farnington home at Farnington Mills, has returned to her home in town.

The cold weather of the past week has been a gentle reminder that winter is still with us, but signs of spring are also here with crows, blue-jays and other birds on the scene.

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The Missionary entertainment held at the M. E. Church last Friday night proved a decided success. One of the chief features being a dramatic sketch with a cast of characters as follows:

Leader, Bertha Wheeler; Mrs. C. C. Cushing, Olive Wood; Mrs. Wight, Marika Kendall; Mrs. Hayes, Alice Arms; Mrs. Wight, Ethel Harrelton; Mrs. Hayes, Constance Wheeler; Mrs. Hayes, Minnie Vapen; Mrs. Hayes, Mary Cummings; Mrs. Hayes, Emma Robertson; Mrs. Hayes, Ada Tyler; Mrs. Hayes, Flossie Gibbons; Mrs. Hayes, Edith Grover; Lucy Fox.

Friends of Mrs. Ethel Hayes of East Norfolk, N.Y., formerly of Bethel, will be interested to learn of her recent passing in New York City to Mr. James A. O'Neill of East Norfolk, Mass. Mrs. O'Neill was born in Bethel, a daughter of the late William H. and Elizabeth Barker Hayes, and her early education was acquired in the Bethel schools and O'Neill's Academy. Later she became a student of the piano in Boston. For several years before her marriage she was employed as private secretary in a vocational training school for the colored at East Norfolk, Mass. Mr. O'Neill is a native of New York City, where he was educated. He served his country overseas in the World War and held responsible government positions. Mr.

The funeral was held at the Baptist Church, Tuesday afternoon. The Old Fellow and Boys Scouts performed their impressive services.

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## GOULD'S ACADEMY

### On Friday evening, March 14, a most

delightful reception and dance was held in the William Bingham Gymnasium. The occasion was in honor of the basketball team and Coach Clayton Fossett.

In the receiving line were Principal and Mrs. F. E. Hanscom, Mrs. L. U. Bartlett, Mrs. A. Van Den Kerkhoven, Miss Ella Litchfield, Mr. Clayton Fossett and the members of the basketball team with Manager Willard Bean.

Following the reception Coach Fossett expressed his appreciation of the hard work and close cooperation of the members of the team and made special mention of those who had played on the second team, giving them a large share of the credit for the development of a winning team. Mr. Fossett awarded letters to the following players:

Charles Swan, Madison Berry, Walter Berry, Frank Keniston, Robert Godard, Guy Thurston, Donald Sweeney, and manager Willard Bean. There followed the presentation of a beautiful silver loving cup to the Senior Class as winners of the inter-class basketball series.

Sub-master E. H. Brasier made a few remarks concerning the success of the team, summarized the games played and paid special tribute to the clean sportsmanship and high ideals shown by the team.

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## ASKED AND ANSWERED

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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Q. Who was the author of Dixieland? Did this author have any other compositions?

"Dixieland" was written by Daniel Decatur Emmett, who was born at Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1815 and died forgotten by the world at large, in a little hut at the place of his birth in 1891. He wrote "Dixieland" in 1859, and he had already composed "Old Dan Tucker." He was a member of Bryant's Minstrels, was a good singer and played many instruments. He was also deeply religious. He wrote "Dixieland" between a Saturday and the following Monday, and it was first sung on September 19, 1859, at 472 Broadway, New York. The Confederate soldiers sang it while marching, in camp, and while fighting; the singing of this melody was a big factor in adding to the fighting qualities of the southern soldiers.

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Q. What are the dates of the members of the American League of Cities?

The American League of Cities was organized on May 1, 1913, at the Hotel Astor, New York City.

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from the Six States

**DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS**  
Dressed Poultry market rules unsettled, demand down except for soft meat chickens which were slow. Poultry are not moving as readily with heavier flocks. Poults 20-31c; 4-14 lbs. 20-31c; 2-4 lbs. 28-36c; Chickens 5 lbs. 31-32c; 4-12 lbs. 30-32c. Live Poultry steady with varying flight and demand moderate at unaltered prices. Poults 26-28c; chicken 22-26c. Butter market rules steady to firm, but a little more uncertain. Although buyers were conservative as to quality and were not too helpful in future requirements, sellers were not pushing sales. Centralized cartels moved slowly buyers preferring smaller lots, but sellers were holding firm. 22 lbs. butter 30-33c; 40 lbs. 30-34c; 48 lbs. 30-32c; 55 lbs. 30-34c; 48 lbs. 30-32c.

**EGG MARKET** Decline in prices continued, moderate in the week. Receipts were moderate with trade continuing also moderate and for consumptive needs. The tone rules unsettled at the moment. Western Extras 24-26c; extra flats 27-27.5c; 28-29c; seconds 21.5-25c; nearby bantams 23-26c with fancy brown up to 25c.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Higher prices on California lemons, lettuce and Florida celery were the outstanding changes during the past week; 10x crates of lettuce closed 32-34c; with bushels mostly 31c. Florida Golden Heart celery, washed and bunches sold 4.50-6c per 10 inch crate, with bushels in the rough at 35-44c. Maine Green N. potatoes were rather weak at 11-12c. Per 100 lbs. bags. Mass. and N. Y. Yellow onions were very weak at 11-12c per 100 lbs. Bigs. New cabbage from Texas, flat soft 10x-12c per 100 lbs. and Florida stocks in bushels were closed at 12-12.5c with bushels bringing 12.5-13c mostly 12-12.5c according to variety and quality. Florida peppers, eggplant and string beans continued in light supply, but demand was only moderate for best stock. Fancy peppers sold 46-7c; mostly 14-16c. 10x crates eggplant ranged 12.50-15.00 and bushels mostly 14-14.5c per 7/8 bus. hamper with a few bushels higher. Florida tomatoes showed a wide range in quality and condition. Best original packs in 5 basket crates sold around 13c on fairly ripe with green poor stock as low as 75c, and repacked ripe and turning bright at 12.50-12.5c. Oregon broccolini 12.50-13.50 per crate of 12 heads and Calif. stock ranged 12-12.50. Good cauliflower was scarce, rather expensive bringing as high as 12.25-13.50. Florida strawberries showed wide range in condition best ranging 56-65c with poorer low as 10c per quart. Maryland sweet potatoes in bushel hamper sold mostly 12c. Other articles were better and sold lower, mostly 10-12c per box because of liberal receipts. Apple supplies are heavy and market weak, best barrelled Baldwin 25c. Up from cold storage ranged 14.50-15.50. Boxed stock is being sold almost entirely at auction. Oranges and grapefruit were plentiful and the market was weak at a range of 12.50-17.50 per box according to quality and sizes.

**MARY O'HALLORAN**, of Natick, Mass., 103 years old, believed to be the oldest person in that part of the state, died at the home of her daughter, "Mrs. Homer" Cordeau, she was born in Ireland.

**DR. RICHARD W. CULLEN**, of New Britain, Ct., superintendent of health, has volunteered to isolate himself with small-pox patients after their attending physician had declined to do so. There are a number of persons ill with the disease who are to be placed in a sanitarium.

**ALVIN THOMAS** of South Middleboro, Mass., admits that he believes in signs. While walking through a strip of woods the other day he came upon a tree with an arrow carved upon it, as well as the words, "Cut for money. Following instructions he cut under the bark and dug out a cent which had been imbedded.

**HENRY R. STICKNEY**, who held rank among American inventors, died at Portland, Me., aged 62, after an illness of several months. He was the originator of the Stickney steam engine a condensing mill machine, and a canning device, all in wide use, and was New England agent of the Sprague Canning Machine Company for nearly a quarter century.

**MARBLEHEAD**, Mass., police and residents found it necessary to "raid" a meeting of the Odd Fellows to obtain a quorum of voters at the annual town meeting. Enough of those attending the Odd Fellows' meeting were induced to go to the town hall to raise the number of voters to 290, the minimum by which business could be carried on.

**GEORGE M. SATELICE** of Uxbridge, Ct., whose medical practice was under scrutiny by an inquisitorial grand jury and who admitted he had obtained an eclectic license to practice by fraudulent means, was sentenced to jail for six months for manslaughter. He had pleaded not guilty to causing the death of Albert C. Healy, an ex-service man, through an overdose of ether.

**JAMES D. DEBOCKER**, United States fishery inspector for Maine, went to St. John, N. B., from East Orland, Me. to receive a consignment of 60,000 salmon eggs shipped from North Esk, N. B. Inspector Debocker went to Bangor with the eggs which will be placed in the Penobscot River. He returns for the salmon eggs the United States Government will forward \$6,000 worth of eggs to be placed in lakes and streams in the province.

The fire that destroyed Edward Nichols' buildings seven miles from Limestone, Me., started from an unknown cause as the feeding deer over the horse stalls in the stable barn, and spread so rapidly that the firemen could not gain entrance to make use of the pressure tank service with which the building was equipped, and as the nearest water supply was a stream a quarter of a mile away, nothing could be done to save the property, except to remove part of the contents of the dwelling.

## HIDDEN POSSIBILITIES OF YOUTH

Farmer Bicker was a good man in many ways. When a neighbor was in trouble he did not fail to give assistance but Farmer Bicker did nothing but work. Six days in the week, sixteen hours a day were not enough for him. Moreover he happened to have a strong constitution and the work he could stand was surprising. The worst of it was Bicker wanted everyone who worked for him to work as hard as himself. Play was a word not in his vocabulary.

One day, during apple picking time George Bicker the oldest boy, while picking apples with his father, stopped picking apples and watched the passenger train. The father, in a hurry to get his work done said: "Stop gawking at that train and get busy. What do you think I clothes and feed you for to gawk at trains and do nothing. When you do work none too much is accomplished. Get busy."

Gradually, because of this attitude of the father, a great gulf grew between the father and son. One morning Rick, looking across the table, saw a new independence in the eyes of George and that night George's bed was empty. George had gone away.

Years passed. No word came for three long years. Then a letter came to mother Bicker. Twenty years went by and then one day George came home in apple time. His father was a very old man. George took a basket and began picking apples for his father. The train came along, and George stopped to look at the train. The father said: "There you are, still gawking at the train." Then the father said, "What do you earn, George, three dollars a day?"

George said, "Yes, I earn more." "Do you earn five dollars a day?" "Yes, I earn more than five a day." "Eight?" "Yes, I earn more than eight." "Ten?" "Yes, I earn more than ten dollars a day. I own that railroad over there, I'm president of it. My salary is nearly five thousand dollars a year."

**NORTH PARIS**  
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## WHY

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The Postal Guide supplement states:

"The Post Office department is being pressed to replace these shabby mailboxes with some better device which shall not disgrace the country roads. Every city now strives for beauty, districts and the rural districts want to look their best, too. There is little question that 15 or 20 undecorated mail boxes, set in this posts, some on round posts, some on thick posts, some on short posts and some on long posts, are a blot on the landscape."

One design submitted is an artistic box on a shaped post, accommodating three mail boxes, which can be built at about the same cost as three separate boxes.

**Why Schools Are Needed**

"The 300 think it pays to give to a public school," writes William Deane in *World's Work*.

"My boy, our community has already expanded. It is building another school alongside this. My wife and I and our three children will build a third, with an athletic field, a swimming pool, and a furnishing plant. Why? Because the people want this sort of thing. It has doubled the number of children going to school here. The citizens have organized a bus service to get the passengers from the farms. The school has become the center of community life. Does it pay? Who was the chap that praised the man who made two blades of grass to grow where one grew before? Our new farm school will tend to that and, besides, our good teachers can count up the numbers and say 'here are two happy hearts for every one there was before'."

**Why Philosopher Laughed**

Just why Democritus, a Greek philosopher who lived in the time of Socrates, was called the laughing philosopher is not known for certain. His moral philosophy was very stern, and taught the absolute subjection of all passions. Tradition says Democritus did not eat his own eyes in order not to be diverted from his meditations.

Some ancient writers say that Democritus because so perfect in his teachings that he went around continually with a smile on his face, and hence the title "laughing philosopher." But others give a different reason. They say the inhabitants of Abdera, the Thessalian colony where Democritus was born, were noted for their stupidity, and that he was called the "dilector" or laughing philosopher, because of the scorn and ridicule he received on his teachings for their ignorance. Still others say he received the name from his habit of laughing at the follies of mankind in general.

**How to Make Invisible Ink**

Ever want to use a secret ink for writing? If so, the two simplest are milk or a bit of lemon juice and salt. It is also inferior.

A clean new pen need also be used, so that no trace of black will appear on the "invisible letter." Dip the pen in the ink often so as to be sure it is writing, and after the letter is finished, do not blot it so that will wholly remove the invisible ink and the blotted portion will not show up well when it is desired to read the message.

To make either of these invisible ink visible, all that has to be done is to get the paper on which they are used good and warm and they will then show up plainly. Care must be taken when heating the paper not to burn it or scorch it.

**Why Turks Failed**

The tradition is that some bakers were working in a cellar one night in the year 1822. One happened to hear a rattled sound of bugles. At that time the city was besieged by the Turks under Sultan the Magnificent. Hearing that the enemy was approaching a way out the city, the bakers gave the alarm. The aroused garrison was able to hold the enemy. Never, under the Turks were fully defeated. In commemoration of these events the Vienna bakers thereafter made their bread in the shape of a crescent, the sacred symbol of Turkey.

**Why Pacific Is Calmer**

The fact that the Pacific Ocean is less subject to storms than the Atlantic Ocean is due to various reasons. Part of it is the greater extent and part to the greater depth of the Pacific Ocean. In the Arctic region the general wind direction is from the west while in the Pacific it is from the southwest and the prevailing belt of equatorial winds is north.

**Why Maine Is Colder**

Maine is colder than Florida on account of the same reasons. On the coast of Maine there is a cold current flowing from the polar regions and ending northeast. It runs the air and makes the air more cold. On the coast of Florida the Gulf Stream gives a warmer climate.

**HANDICRAFT FOR BOYS**

By A. NEELY HALE

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**A TOY GUNBOAT.**

This toy boat floats, and its paddle-wheel operated by a twisted rubber-band propels it. A straight-grained piece of soft pine,  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch thick is needed for the hull, deck, guns, masts and paddle-wheel. A pattern for the hull A is given in Fig. 5.

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**IS THIS YOUR EXPERIENCE?**

Many Bethel People Are Afflicted With Annoying Kidney Ills.

Are you bothered with too frequent calling of the kidneys? Are the secretions highly colored—do they contain sediment—burn and seald in voiding? These are all signs of kidney sickness and should not be neglected. Bothol people recommend Dean's Pills. If your back aches and your kidneys are weak you will find no better recommended remedy.

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**SOUTH WOODSTOCK**

Deferred

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Mr. Walter Appleby and Mrs. Arthur Thorow of Vigeon Hill are working for A. H. Hendrickson.

Mrs. Myrtle Hendrickson returned home Sunday from Vigeon Hill.

Alfred Hendrickson is ill with tonsilitis.

**PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN**

AND I SAY TO YOU

“BE WISE, SIR, THAT’S DURN SORRY THING

## VIOLA GWYN

By  
George Barr McCutcheon

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## SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE.—Kenneth Gwynne was two years old in the spring of 1812 when his father ran away from Kentucky with Rachel Carter. They took with them Minda Carter, Rachel's baby daughter. In the fall Kenneth's mother died of a broken heart. His grandfather brought him up to hate the name of Rachel Carter, "evil woman."

CHAPTER I.—Kenneth, now a young lawyer, seeks lodgings for the night at the farm of Phineas Stricker, near Lafayette, Ind. It appears that Ken's mother had died and that he is on his way to take possession of the native lands he has inherited. The Strickers bought their farm of Ken's father and his mother runs to him to warn him away. Rachel Carter, beautiful nineteen-year-old girl who says she knew her father well and that Stricker's Ken is much interested in her.

CHAPTER II.—In the morning the boy goes to Stricker's. Ken says he was planning to stop with David Lapelle and his mother came in the night and took her home. As Ken goes on his way Stricker tells him, "That girl was Viola Gwynn but she's your half-sister."

CHAPTER III.—A handsome, dashing young fellow rides up and introduces himself as Harry Lapelle.

CHAPTER IV.—Isaac Stain, a farmer, gives Ken a message from Viola to tell as soon as he reaches Lafayette.

CHAPTER V.—At Lafayette Ken sees his lawyer, Cornell, and the recorder, Burcher. It appears that the will of Robert Gwynne, which known at first, Gwynne, has divided an extensive property between Ken and Rachel Gwynn. Viola is not mentioned, but has decided not to contest.

CHAPTER VI.—Ken calls at Viola's home and finds Rachel instead of Viola. Rachel reveals the past, which nobody else knows. She is the mother of Viola, but Viola is not her father's daughter but Minda, her own daughter by her first husband; that Viola believes her father's in the house. Ken tells her he does not make war on women.

CHAPTER VII.—Ken and Viola meet and quarrel.

CHAPTER VIII.—Viola tells her mother she is going to marry Lapelle. Her mother wants her for her money and tells her she will disinherit her.

CHAPTER IX.—Ken meets Viola and Lapelle. They make up their quarrel. He realizes he is in love with her, and bound hand and foot by her. He decides to give away his money to Lapelle, who is planning to Abduct Viola.

CHAPTER X.—Ken arrives to stay at Lafayette, moves into a house and has an office. Viola calls on Ken and volunteers to help him in his office, close to her own. She is charming.

CHAPTER XI.—Lapelle has gone to New York to buy a new suit. He has a ruffian named Jasper Sargeant, but in an appearance and says he knows all about her. He is hidden in the cabin of Hawk, a disreputable crony of Lapelle.

CHAPTER XII.—Lapelle returns. He is still in New York, but Viola has changed her mind and will never marry him.

CHAPTER XIII.—Viola realizes that her love for him is not that of a sister. Ken tells her the plot to abduct her.

CHAPTER XIV.—Ken tells Rachel of the plot. Rachel says, "You are in love with her." Ken admits it. "Would you marry her?" asks Rachel. "I would, but I don't care for the results." Ken says he would. Then Rachel says she was never married to Ken's father.

CHAPTER XV.—Viola, the next morning at dawn, runs over to Hawk's house to tell him that her mother has disappeared. On her way back Lapelle sees her, runs after her and tells her about her mother's past.

CHAPTER XVI.—Ken knocks Lapelle down with a fist. Lapelle is a ruffian with a temper, but is prevented from killing him. Ken tells Lapelle that his past is known and warns him to leave town. Lapelle challenges him to a duel and deserts.

CHAPTER XVII.—Rachel and the police descend upon Hawk's house. The police are there to arrest him for the shooting of Lapelle. They find Lapelle dead, shot to death by Hawk's crony of his house.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Hawk, in his last words to Lapelle to come to his rescue, has started blushing at his conduct. Hawk had ever called his Miss Hawk. She was not quite sure that she had heard right, should it be possible that this good young girl, who had called her Miss Hawk's Bill, was to be his mother.

"That remains to be seen," then he said. "I think he will when he finds out that your father has been arrested."

"He's been a good friend to me," Mr. Gwynne, Mr. Lapelle has said she, a smile on her face. She waited a moment and then went on earnestly and with a seriousness that amazed him: "I don't know what he does that isn't right or what people say is wrong about him, but he always tries to be good."

"I guess mostly you are a wonderer why I take the stain about him. He's a good friend and can't bear the thought of having his chances jeopardized by—"

"Please me, Mr. Gwynne," interrupted Kenneth shortly. "Both of you are unusually thoughtful and considerate. Now that I am reminded of my pleasant little encounter with Mr. Lapelle this morning, I am constrained to remark that I have had all the satisfaction I desire. You may say to him that I am a gentleman and not in the habit of fighting duels with heroes."

"That's not true," she said, "but I am a wonderer. You must not think me a wonderer. You must not think me a wonderer."

She kept her head down. A scarlet wave crept over her face. "I—I wish you wouldn't call me that, Mr. Gwynne. Hit—hit makes me feel kind o' lonesome-like. Just as—er I didn't have no friends. Call me Moll. That's all I am."

He studied for a moment the half-averted face of this girl of the forest. He could not help contrasting it with the clear-cut, delicate, beautifully modeled face of another girl of the dark frontier—Viola Gwynn. And out of this swift estimate grew a new pity for poor Moll Hawk, the pity one feels for the vanquished.

"You will be surprised to find how many friends you have, Moll," he said gently.

There was no indication that she was impressed one way or the other by this remark. She drew back from the window and faced him, her eyes keen and searching.

"Do you reckon anybody is listening?" she asked.

"I think not—in fact, I am sure we are quite alone."

"Well, this is somethin' I don't know to have the shurrt know, or anybody else, Mr. Gwynne. Hills about Mr. Lapelle."

"Yes?" she said, as she paused warily.

"Mrs. Gwynne she tolle me this morning that whatever I say to my lawyer would be sacred an' wouldn't ever be let out to anybody, no matter what it was. She said it was agin' the code of ethics."

"In a sense, yes. Of course, you must understand, Moll, that no honest lawyer will obligate himself to shield a criminal or a fugitive from justice, or—I may as well say to you now that you expect that of me I must warn you not to tell me anything. You would force me to withdraw as your counsel."

"I wuz only thinkin' m'ebby you could see your way to do somethin' I was goin' to ask. I just wanted to git word to Mr. Lapelle."

"Mr. Lapelle and I are not friends. Moll."

"It is beca'se of what I asked Ike Stain to tell ye?"

"Partly."

"I mean about stealin' Miss Viola Gwynn an' takin' her away with him?"

"I want to thank you, Moll, for sending me the warning. It was splendid of you."

"Oh, I didn't do it beca'se—" she began, somewhat defiantly, and then closed her lips tightly. The sudden look came back into her eyes.

"I understand. You—you like him yourself."

"Well—whut if I do?" she burst out. "It's my look-out, ain't it?"

"Certainly. I am not blaming you."

"I guess there shu'tn't no use talkin' any more," she said flatly. "You wouldn't do what I want ye to do anyhow, so what's the sense of askin' you. We better go back to the kitchen."

"It may console you to hear that I have already told Mr. Lapelle that he must get out of this town before tomorrow morning," said he deliberately. "And stay out!"

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